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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A terminal strip plug-in connector to connect electronic components, comprising:

a block-shaped body;

a plurality of electrical contacts arranged in said an ~~essentially~~ block-shaped ~~corpus~~ body;

an electrical shielding ~~of the~~ surrounding said plurality of electrical contacts, said shielding having at least one shielding plate arranged on ~~the corpus~~ said body and surrounding ~~the corpus~~ said body on two sides, said shielding plate having a weakening ~~in its thickness~~ formed from a thinner section, said weakening disposed in a region of a bending site of the shielding plate, said bending site dividing said shielding plate into a first segment and a second segment; and

at least one recess in the shielding plate, said at least one recess being disposed on the second segment of said shielding plate;

at least one catch hook integrally formed on a

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corresponding side of said body;

wherein said at least one catch hook and said at least one recess interact as a catch connection; and

a plurality of additional catch devices formed on the first segment of the shielding plate or on a corresponding segment of said body.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented). The plug-in connector according to claim 1, wherein the weakening is arranged on an inside of the bending site.

Claim 3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The plug-in connector according to claim 1, further comprising positioning projections on the ~~corpus~~ body, said positioning projections interacting with corresponding positioning recesses on the shielding plate.

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Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The plug-in connector according to claim 1, wherein the ~~corpus~~ body is made of plastic.

8. A method for positioning a shielding plate of a shielding of a plug-in connector on the plug-in connector, said connector containing electrical contacts that are arranged in ⁶⁻ ~~essentially~~ block-shaped ~~corpus~~ body, wherein a shielding plate of the shielding is arranged to surround the corpus on at least two sides of the ~~corpus~~ body, the shielding plate comprising a first segment and a second segment and a bending site in a transition region between the two segments, said bending site being created by a weakening in a thickness of the shielding plate, said method comprising the steps of:

positioning the shielding plate against a side of the ~~corpus~~ body with its first segment during the production of the shielding of the plug-in connector;

fixing said shielding in place on the ~~corpus~~ body by way of a catch connection;

bending the second segment at the bending site; and

locking the second segment in place, via at least one catch hook on the corpus, said catch hook passing through a recess in the second segment.

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